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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE00/02136

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
JULY 5, 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
AUGUST 27, 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT MADE FROM METAL, PARTICULARLY FOR FILTRATION, AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND FOR USING SUCH A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

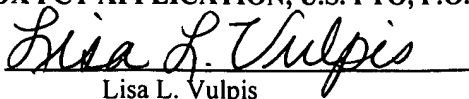
PCT/ISA/210 - Int'l. Search Report (English)

Certification of Translation

2 SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Applicant Claims Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application No. 199 40 792.4, filed: August 27, 1999.

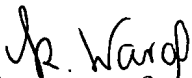
Applicant Claims Priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of: PCT No. PCT/DE00/02136, filed: July 5, 2000.

APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)) <b>10/069867</b>				INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE00/02136		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. WIRTZ ET AL-1PCT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$890.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) .....\$710.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee paid (37 CFR 1.82) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....\$1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$100 <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ___ 20 ___ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).							
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate				
Total Claims	13 - 20 =	- 0 -	X \$18.00	\$			
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	- 0 -	X \$84.00	\$			
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$280.00	\$			
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	890.00		
Reduction by 1/2 for Small Entity status, if applicable.				\$	445.00		
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	445.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ___ 20 ___ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$			
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	445.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				See cover sheet attached to assign \$ to be charged to Deposit Acct			
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	445.00		
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				charged		\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity status. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 445.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-2468 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>  <b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b> COLLARD & ROE, P.C. 1077 Northern Boulevard Roslyn, New York 11576-1696 (516) 365-9802 Express Mail No. <b>EL 871 452 442 US</b> Date of Deposit <b>February 26, 2002</b> I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, BOX PCT APPLICATION, U.S. PTO, P.O. BOX 2327, ARLINGTON, VA 22202  <div style="text-align: center;">                       Lisa L. Vulpis                 </div>							

## CERTIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

**Flächengefüge aus Metall, insbesondere zur Filtration und Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Flächengefüges sowie Verwendung des Flächengefüges**

I, Kevin Ward, c/o Technisches Fachübersetzungsbüro, Försterweg 33, A-2136 Laa/Thaya, Austria, am the translator of the documents attached and certify that the following is a true translation to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Signature of translator

dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of *February*, 2002